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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the President to take  
6 affirmative action regarding con-  
7 struction of the trans-Alaska pipeline.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS the recent federal court decision regarding the proposed con-  
10 struction of the trans-Alaska pipeline will have the effect of further  
11 delaying this vital project for an unknown period of time; and

12 WHEREAS further delay of the beginning of construction will have a  
13 devastating adverse effect on all Alaskans and upon the economic viability of  
14 the state and all local government entities; and

15 WHEREAS not only will the continued delay of this project adversely  
16 affect all Alaskans but it will likewise mean additional hardship and diffi-  
17 culties for hundreds of thousands of American citizens and concerns across  
18 the United States who are desperately in need of additional energy resources;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS the energy crisis in the United States is not just a potential  
21 threat but is reality today; and

22 WHEREAS the need for fuel in the United States is creating more of a  
23 national emergency with each passing day and construction of the trans-Alaska  
24 pipeline at the earliest possible time is of the utmost urgency not only for  
25 Alaskans, but for all Americans;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the President of the United  
27 States is urgently requested to immediately take affirmative action by recog-  
28 nizing and formally declaring that a national energy crisis is present in the  
29 United States and to exercise all powers and prerogatives at his disposal

1 culminating in a presidential directive that construction of the trans-Alaska  
2 pipeline begin immediately.

3 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
4 Nixon, President of the United States; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens  
5 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delega-  
6 tion in Congress.

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